

2020 HOME HEATING CREDIT



Residential Customers

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) doesn't want you to miss your chance to receive the Home Heating Credit (HHC) from the state of Michigan! The HHC can help pay your winter heating bills and is funded by the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). If you use a large portion of your monthly income to pay heating costs, you may be eligible for the HHC for the 2020 tax year.

WHO is eligible to apply?

Eligible customers must meet all of the following requirements:

- ✓ Your homestead (where you live) is in Michigan.
- ✓ You own or rent a home where you live (e.g. a rented apartment or mobile home on a lot in a mobile home park).
- ✓ Income is within the limits listed in the chart to the right or you qualify based on alternate guidelines including household income, exemptions, and heating costs.

Check the HHC form (MI-1040CR-7) for more information.

| Income Guidelines | |
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| Exemptions | Income Ceiling |
| 0 - 1 | \$14,043 |
| 2 | \$18,986 |
| 3 | \$23,900 |
| 4 | \$28,842 |
| 5 | \$33,757 |
| 6 | \$38,700 |
| Add \$4,943 for each additional exemption | |

HOW do I apply?

You can apply for the HHC by filling out form MI-1040CR-7 for 2020. You do not have to file a Michigan tax return to apply for the HHC.

If you qualify for the HHC, you may be eligible for the Winter Protection Plan and should contact your local utility for more information.

WHERE can I find an HHC form?

There are many ways you can receive an HHC form:

Michigan Department of Treasury

- ✓ Enter "Home Heating Credit" in the search box at www.michigan.gov/treasury.
- ✓ Call them at 517-636-4486 to receive a copy.

Michigan Relay Center, 711

- ✓ For hearing or speech impaired, TTY is available.

Utility Companies

- ✓ Contact your company for a form. They have personnel who can assist you.

Other Locations

- ✓ Michigan public libraries & post offices.
- ✓ Department of Health and Human Services offices.
- ✓ Locations where income tax forms are available.

WHEN can I apply?

File your HHC form as soon as you know your household income for 2020. **THE DEADLINE FOR FILING THE FORM IS SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.**

Before submitting your form, check to make sure it is complete, accurate, and has been signed. Keep a copy of the number of exemptions you are claiming, the date you filed, and the amount of the credit. You'll need this information to verify the status of your application with the Department of Treasury. If you have trouble paying your heating bills before you receive the credit or receive a shutoff notice, call your utility company immediately. If your utility company is regulated by the MPSC, you cannot have your heat shut off while you are waiting for the credit.

WHO can I call for help?

2-1-1 is a free and confidential phone service available 24 hours a day. They will provide you with information and referrals for agencies in your community who can assist you with the following:

- ✓ Utilities
- ✓ Completing tax forms
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ More assistance may be available

If you are having difficulty resolving issues with your utility company, the MPSC staff will assist you. You may contact them by:

Phone: Toll free, 800-292-9555

Online: www.michigan.gov/mpsc

Mail: Michigan Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, Michigan 48909